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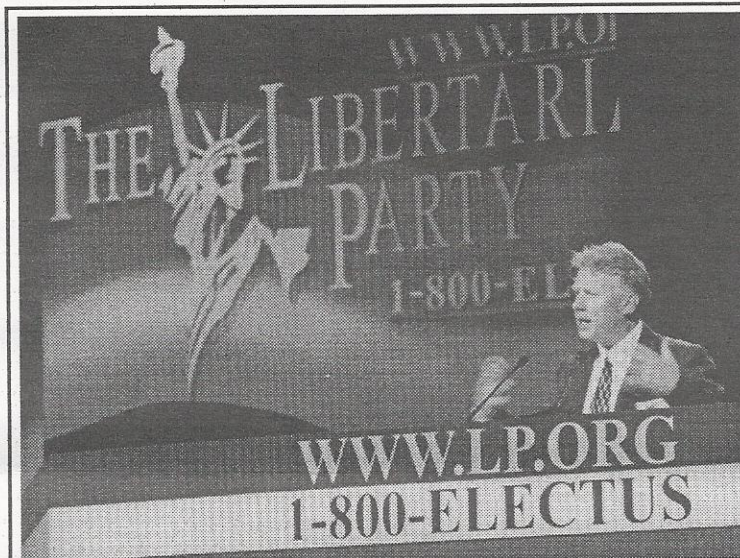
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The next meeting of the board of directors will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 14 at party headquarters, 720 East 18th Avenue in Denver.

Party members are welcome at the meeting. Please call BetteRose for details: 303.639.5530

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Colorado Delegation Active in Convention



Telluride Sheriff Bill Masters addresses the National Convention. His speech about drug prohibition was recorded by C-SPAN.

office. Also, new members of the Libertarian National Committee were selected.

David Aitken of Denver, former chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado, led the Colorado delegation.

Other members included current state chair Bette Rose Smith and former chair Michele Bethke Poague, both of Glendale, five members of the state board, and various members and leaders of the county affiliate parties. The delegation was selected at the state party convention in April.

The Presidential Platform, ratified by the national convention, calls for re-privatizing retirement,

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LOS ANGELES, CA - Delegates to the National Libertarian Convention gave Harry Browne first-ballot approval July 2, naming him as the Party's Presidential candidate. Browne, a former investment author, was also the party's 1996 nominee.

Colorado delegates gave 19 votes to Browne and 11 votes to former New Hampshire legislator Don Gorman.

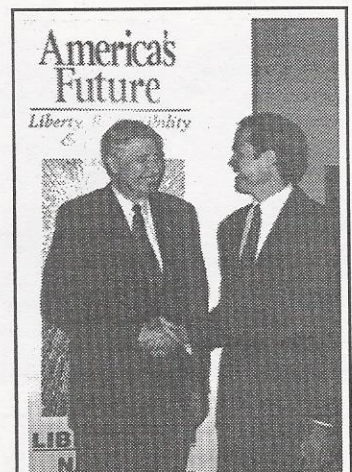
After the Browne nomination was decided, many members of the Colorado delegation were instrumental in a "draft" campaign to get the vice presidential nomination for Gorman. However, Gorman took the podium to decline the nomination, saying it should go to one of those who had pursued that position.

Art Olivier, of California, took the vice presidential nomination in a run-off ballot against Steve Kubby, 1998 Libertarian candidate for Governor of California. Olivier had a 15-11 majority in the Colorado delegation.

The convention elected Dr. Jim Lark of Virginia as the new chair of the national party, the party's highest

affirms the right of people to own and use the means for their own protection, and advocates the reduction of government to a level that would allow the abolition of the income tax.

The platform also called for an end to the Drug War, citing it as "dangerous to your children, your city, and your country — putting the wrong people in prison, trampling on your liberty, taking the drug business away from pharmaceutical companies and doctors, and putting it into the hands of the criminals."



Presidential Candidate Harry Browne greets VP Art Olivier after their respective nominations at the LP convention.

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A Call to Action

by Ari Armstrong

I'm running for State House seat 35. When I spend time walking door to door or talking at events, I plan to push the entire Libertarian slate. I'm going to carry pamphlets or flyers for the State Senate candidate, for Harry Browne, and for any other candidate in my area. I would urge other candidates and activists to do the same.

Please contact the local candidates in your area and volunteer to help them walk their district and participate in other events. Candidate information will be published at www.lpcolorado.org and in the next issue of the *Liberty*. 2000 can be the break-out year for the Libertarian Party—if we all take an active role.

To reprise the words of David Horowitz, "It's the politics, stupid. In political warfare, if only one side is shooting, the other side will soon be dead."

We can't claim to be the party of principle unless we're willing to fight for our principles. Talk is not enough. We can't claim to be the party of individual responsibility unless we take the responsibility to bring our message to the voters. Let's get moving!

Upcoming Events:

Vice-Presidential Candidate Art Olivier is scheduled to come to Colorado in September for a tour that will include a stop in Grand Junction on the 9th.

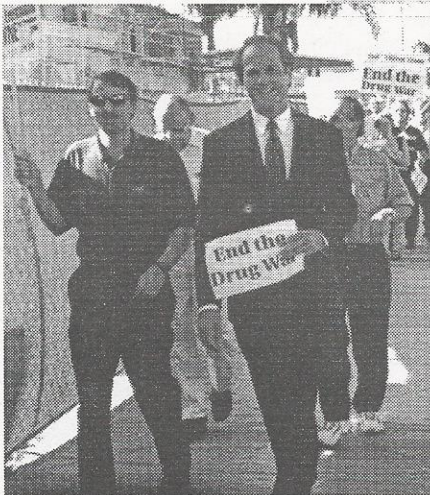
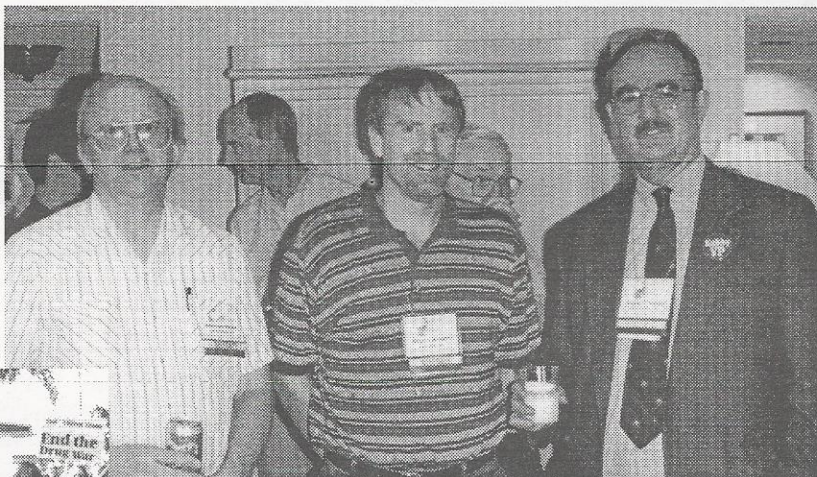
The Foundation for Economic Education will also hold an event September 9 in Denver. The INS protest and fruit picking event is August 18-19. "Constitution Monday" will be held October 2 in support of civil arms liberties. Watch for details!

Candidate training sessions are currently in the works: contact David Aitken, 303.831.4334 or daitken@tde.com.

Check www.lpcolorado.org and the calendar page for more information!

Right: Norm Olsen (left) and Chuck Wright (center) meet with LP founder David Nolan.

Below: Wright joins Vice Presidential Candidate Art Olivier for a march in memory of Peter McWilliams.



Convention 2000

Below (l-r): David Aitken (front), Ryan Zarkesh (hat), Steve D'ippolito, Steve Gresh, Doug Anderson, Ty Bailey, Gary Sandritter, Don Gorman, Johanna Fallis, Bennett Rutledge, Michelle Konieczny, and Sara Wilson.

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Press Watch: Libertarians Spread the Word

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Independence Day

Steve Gresh of the Colorado Springs LP affiliate submitted the following letter to the press.

The 4th of July is the date that reminds every Libertarian that we're working to reach goals that are both right and achievable.

Harry Browne is our presidential candidate and Jim Lark, a systems engineering professor at the U of VA, is our national chairman. Dan Fylstra, who holds an MBA from Harvard and a computer science degree from MIT, is our vice-chairman. Dan is president of PC software vendor Frontline Systems, Inc. and an investor in Silicon Valley startups. His company competes with Microsoft, but he opposes the government's antitrust actions.

Of course, none of our intellectual heavyweights are in the same league as the inventor of the Internet, Al Gore, or George W. Bush, who plans to increase the federal Department of Education's budget to research ways to use technology to boost student achievement. Gush and Bore are in a league of their own—the Demoblican League. Libertarians, thank God, are still members of the older league that was established in Philadelphia 224 years ago.

Happy 4th of July!

LP Responds to Rosen

John Berntson, public information director of the Colorado LP, addressed the Mike Rosen show on 850 KOA radio on Monday, July 17. The subject was Rosen's recent article praising the Libertarian Party's idealism but questioning its political practicality. Berntson replied to Rosen, who in turn invited him on the air to discuss the LP.

Chair Pitches LP on Boulder Radio

BetteRose Smith, State Chair of the Libertarian Party, appeared on a Boulder radio station recently. She writes. "I was on a Boulder community radio station along with a Natural Law candidate. I found the experience enjoyable, although the host was set against our ideals. She would often drop a line but not give me a chance to respond. That said, I think I carried the show off well. I found myself the target of all the calls, though the host made an effort to get the other representative into the conversation."

One caller in particular thought it incredible that Rose would suggest Guatemalans are better off sleeping in

tight quarters in America rather than starving to death in their own country. And *of course* corporations purposely poison their own customers! Perhaps the shrill tone of the caller's remarks convinced some listeners that Libertarians are indeed the voice of reason.

Don't Waste Your Vote!

The following letter ran in the Daily Camera on July 12.

Your July 12 editorial, "Nader's Fantasy," argues there are significant differences between George Bush and Al Gore, and those voting for another candidate may "influence the future of their country in ways they never intended or wanted." Sadly, this is the same scare tactic we often hear from the "major parties."

Many vote for the "lesser of two evils" based on abstractions: speculation about the 2008 Supreme Court, for example. I expect they leave the voting booth with a queasy, empty feeling. I sure did until I started voting Libertarian.

Third-party voters are not "in deep denial," as you suggest. To address just a few issues in your editorial...

Bush/Gore will spend millions of taxpayer dollars and continue ruining countless lives with the futile Drug War. Only Libertarian Harry Browne will end the insane War on Drugs and pardon all non-violent drug offenders. (You erroneously state that only Nader is "talking openly about the failed war on drugs.")

Bush/Gore will continue the bankrupt Social Security scheme (Bush may put 2% into a government "savings account.") Only Libertarian Harry Browne will immediately end Social Security and the Income Tax so we can spend and invest our earnings as we wish.

Bush/Gore will continue a costly National OFFENSE, meddling in foreign countries, causing the deaths of innocent civilians and making the U.S. a terrorist target. Only Libertarian Harry Browne will return to a Constitutional National DEFENSE.

Do votes for third parties "help" Democrats or Republicans get elected? Does it matter? If you don't vote your principles, the only one who loses the election is you. I will proudly vote for Harry Browne for President, David Baker for Congress, and all Libertarians across the ticket.

Stephen V. Funk

Funk edits the Boulder County LP newsletter.

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of the older league that was established in

Philadelphia 224 years ago."

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Apology for Slavery

The following letter appeared in edited form in the July 8 Rocky Mountain News.

I read in your paper about Diana DeGette's proposal to have Congress formally apologize for slavery; a fine idea, if done properly.

What is slavery? It is when the labor of one person is appropriated by force for the benefit of another. In times past, black folks were fully slaves, guns and whips constraining them to work, not for themselves, but for their fully free white masters. This was a horrible wrong, but both the people who deserve the apology and those who deserve to give it are long dead.

There is, however, a current issue for which DeGette and her congressional colleagues can rightly take responsibility and say they're sorry. Today all people, black, white, or otherwise, who try to labor for their own benefit have approximately half of their earnings taken by force to benefit a bloated, overbearing government. Instead of half of us being all slave, all of us are half-slaves. How about apologizing for that, Ms. DeGette?

Paul Scott Williams

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Outreach Director Takes to Air Waves

Outreach Director Brian Rachocki reports the following news about his recent radio appearances.

On Friday, July 7th, Jim Bryan's "Mile High Confidential" drive-time show on KNUS 710 featured the topic of medical marijuana. I called in and presented the case for drug legalization, focusing on how the destruction of civil liberties was more severe than the destruction of lives by the use of drugs. I also pointed out that the Federal government has no constitutional authority to impose drug prohibition.

Jim Bryan did not concede my points, but he was polite and he complemented me on presenting the case rationally and without resorting to *ad hominem* argument, as earlier callers had done. I had about 20 minutes of total air time to discuss the topic.

I might have used more examples of how drug prohibition puts all civil liberties at risk. If Jim Bryan, a pro-gun Christian conservative, had just sold a valuable gun at a gun show, the cash from the sale could be seized by drug agents. Then the drug warriors could seize his car, too, all without filing criminal charges. The War on Drugs is a convenient cover for the War on Guns.

The War on Drugs is, courtesy of the Methamphetamine Antiproliferation Act, also a war on computer security and privacy.

The War on Drugs is rapidly becoming a War on Minorities. Ismael Mena was killed in a drug raid, all over a \$20 crack cocaine allegation, and the police didn't even have the right address.

On Monday, July 10th, I called into Russ Johnson's late program on KOA 850. The topic was making convicts pay for the costs of their incarceration. I called to suggest making convicts pay restitution to their victims, before or instead of paying for incarceration. Russ countered that it would also make sense to collect restitution instead of imprisonment. I agreed, especially in the case of victimless crimes such as drug offenses.

Repub. Governor Attacks Tax Cutter

The following is from the Colorado Springs Gazette.

If anyone in Colorado needed any additional proof that the Republican Party is not truly interested in shrinking government (much less returning it to constitutional levels), the proof is at hand. If the Republican Party is interested in smaller government, then why is Governor Bill Owens campaigning against Douglas Bruce in the Republican primary ("Owens endorses May," Metro, July 7)?

Bruce is the author of the TABOR tax limitation amendment, which is entirely too lenient since it still allows the government to grow. When Bruce put together the TaxCut 2000 initiative, which would lower and then gradually eliminate all sorts of nuisance taxes, but still let the government collect more and more money each year, the Republican establishment went ballistic. If the Republican establishment wanted smaller government it would not object to tax limitation like this that simply constrains the rate of growth of government.

I have good news, however, for those of you who do want smaller government. There will be a considerable number of people on the ballot affiliated with the only party dedicated to a small government, the Libertarian Party. Most voters in this county will be able to vote Libertarian for the state House, state Senate, and county commission, and we are also fielding candidates for secretary of state and U. S. Congress. You will have a meaningful choice this November. You will be able to vote for candidates who truly believe in small government, rather than just mouthing small government platitudes every election cycle. Vote Libertarian.

Steven J. D'Ippolito, Chair, LP of El Paso County

Libertarians on Schooling and Food

The following letter appeared in the Rocky Mountain News, July 9, 2000.

[A previous letter writer] has several questions concerning privatized schools. The Libertarian answer to the education nightmare in this country baffles her a bit. So let's look at a different but related example.

Let's examine our source of food instead. If we were to close down the government-run food banks where we all currently get our food daily, we would not go hungry. No, instead of these government warehouses in which none of us are completely satisfied with our food choices, we would replace them with a private "warehouse" or, for the sake of argument, we'll call them "super stores" or "supermarkets." These "supermarkets" would carry food produced by different private manufacturers, not the current government-only food sources.

In such "stores" or "markets" a citizen would purchase the food he or she wants, not the food that the government wants us to have. The incentive for the manufacturers would be to provide better food at lower prices than their competition. In this libertarian/market-driven food supply center, the "consumer" would be the determining factor of just what "better" is, not a government "board."

If we can visualize this, then we could move on to buildings where one could purchase food already prepared for the "consumer." These kitchens, or for lack of a better word "restaurants," would be driven by their competition to provide meals that the citizens want, not the current meals that the government food board has picked for us.

If we can feed our children by these futuristic means, then we could educate our children in much the same way. Next week: Clothing our children in a free market with a place called "malls."

Joseph Johnson
Colorado Libertarian Party Assistant Outreach Director

Peter McWilliams Remembered

On July 2, the *Rocky Mountain News* published an article from Robyn Blumner (St. Petersburg Times) entitled, "Federal drug war driving some victims into grave," a piece about Peter McWilliams and his recent tragic death. McWilliams choked to death on his own vomit after federal drug warriors and a federal judge stopped McWilliams from taking his anti-nausea medication, marijuana. McWilliams had cancer and AIDS and used the medicine to keep down other life-saving drugs.

Blumner writes, "It appears the federal government targeted McWilliams because of his political activism. Juan Ros, executive director of the Libertarian Party of California, has seen it before. 'The government seeks these outspoken medical marijuana users and goes after them,' he said."

American Freedom Network

Bob Glass guest-hosted a program on the American Freedom Network (1360 AM) July 12 from 3 to 5 pm. Glass argued that neither George Bush nor Al Gore is worth voting for, as neither defends civil liberties. And Ralph Nader is even worse.

LP Publications Director Ari Armstrong called in to point out that, even if one believes Browne's victory is a long-shot, his campaign can still be a vital tool for educating the American public about freedom issues. After all, Harry Browne is the *only* candidate who would release all non-violent drug and gun offenders from federal prisons and remove all the unconstitutional federal laws. Glass praised Browne's principles and agreed that education is useful.

Fully Informed Juries

This letter ran June 18 in the Colorado Springs Gazette.

So Douglas Bruce distributes information to the jury pool, advising them of their right to vote their conscience, and the judge throws a fit, dismissing all the jurors. What a pity it is that even our judges do not understand the historical and constitutional purpose of juries: to be a safety valve for unjust laws. It was juries that brought an end to the Salem witch-hunts and it was juries that stopped the prosecutions under the Fugitive Slave Act, by the simple act of saying no.

We were given three methods of combating unjust laws. We could vote out legislators who wrote bad laws — still possible, but we are rarely given good choices. The citizen militias, who originally enforced the laws, could simply choose to ignore them — but now we have professional police who, effectively, work for the prosecutors, not us. And, of course, we had juries, who could simply decide that a law did not apply in a given instance — but judges routinely now instruct juries that they must vote based solely on the law and teary-eyed juries routinely apologize to defendants for having been forced to convict them.

Bruce has, once again, shown himself to be a hero, even if he is a Republican. May our judges and our citizen jurors learn the law as he understands it.

John K. Berntson, Public Information Director
Libertarian Party of Colorado

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A Libertarian Replies to Mike Rosen

by Ari Armstrong

Colorado Libertarians have long held radio personality Mike Rosen in guarded esteem — esteem because he frequently expounds pro-freedom ideas, guarded because he usually tempers his market philosophy with Republican pragmatism.

In his July 7 editorial in the *Rocky Mountain News* entitled “Libertarians not party animals,” Rosen discounts the Libertarian Party as a discussion group touting utopia. He does credit the Party with “doing battle in the war of ideas” and with effecting marginal change, and he praises Libertarian idealism, writing:

“No other ideologically-based organization in our country understands and appreciates better the philosophy on which our nation was founded. I revere many libertarian ideals, brilliantly articulated by great thinkers like Ayn Rand, Ludwig von Mises, and Murray Rothbard.”

Rosen’s comment, “the Libertarian Party is more like a discussion group,” may have been true for much of the Party’s history. But that’s starting to change. Colorado Libertarians are running more candidates than ever before. Hypothetically, this year the Libertarians could capture a majority in the state house.

Nationally, Presidential Candidate Harry Browne is earning extensive national coverage and a place in the polls. The Party is also running a majority of U.S. Congressional races. On the local level, over 300 Libertarians hold public office across the nation.

Rosen claims that libertarianism is an unpopular idea. He says people “want their safety net.” However, Rosen forgets that most people are so sick of politics as usual that they don’t even bother to vote. Many of these non-voters are libertarians at heart. In addition, many libertarian sympathizers continue to waste their votes by supporting Republican and Democratic politicians who promise individual rights but deliver only bigger government. The Libertarian Party has more than doubled in the past four years, and every indicator suggests continued rapid growth.

Unfortunately, Rosen mischaracterizes libertarian political philosophy as one of atomized individuals. “As rugged individualists, libertarians are strangely out of character joining anything as communitarian as a political party,” he writes. He claims the Libertarian solution to Social Security requires individuals to “fend strictly for yourself.” This is false.

Instead, at its National Convention the LP stressed individual liberty, personal responsibility, and community. Libertarians argue that big-government

has destroyed community networks of charity that existed before the rise of the welfare state, as detailed in David Beito’s *From Mutual Aid to the Welfare State*.

When the fraudulent Ponzi scheme known as Social Security is finally repealed, individuals will again assume the responsibility of saving for their retirements and funding private charities and church organizations to help those in need. Today’s system creates inter-generational conflict. Thus, the welfare state fractures society, while Libertarian policies will heal the wounds inflicted on our communities by the force of the state.

Rosen’s suggestion that George W. Bush’s proposal for Social Security constitutes “partial privatization” is laughable. Bush wants to push a small part of the Social Security tax into mandatory, government-regulated savings accounts. But government regulation of the stock market isn’t “privatization,” it’s socialism. Besides, Bush has no way of paying off current benefits, so in reality people will have to pay the same amount into Social Security and still be forced into mandatory accounts.

Rosen characterizes libertarian foreign policy as “at best delusional and at worst downright suicide.” Like George Washington, Libertarians believe the United States should avoid foreign entanglements. As Browne has noted, we have a strong national offense but a weak national defense. What’s suicidal is trying to play policeman to the world, sending America’s sons and daughters to die in foreign lands for ambiguous goals and engendering the wrath of terrorists everywhere.

Rosen says Libertarians are impractical and utopian. But libertarianism is true to social, personal, and economic realities. There’s nothing “utopian” about wanting people to employ the persuasion of the free market rather than the brute force of the state to achieve social goals.

What’s impractical is Rosen’s strategy to “work for the lesser of evils.” That strategy has brought us to the brink of a 50% tax burden and the police state. Rosen cites Ayn Rand but he apparently needs a refresher course. In a short essay entitled, “Doesn’t Life Require Compromise?” Rand writes,

“There can be no compromise between freedom and government controls; to accept ‘just a few controls’ is to surrender the principle of inalienable individual rights and to substitute for it the principle of the government’s unlimited, arbitrary power, thus delivering oneself into gradual enslavement. As an example of this process, observe the present domestic policy of the United States.”

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Volunteers Needed for Harry Browne

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Fellow Libertarians,

Something was recently proven beyond our Nation's Southern boarder. People rallied for change and overthrew a 71 year old political monopoly. No one believed it could happen. They proved activism can accomplish what's assumed impossible.

Now it's our turn.

Never again should we act based on the idea that "someday" we could win. Libertarians are offering what people want right now, that we can win now. The Mexican people proved something I've always believed: nothing is impossible. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. But we have to act.

Harry Browne, the next President of the United States, has put together a nationwide volunteer organization to reach out to the citizens of our country. The momentum is building. Four nationwide ads were unveiled at the National Convention. The book *The Great Libertarian Offer* has been published and the video will air on national television closer to the election. National polls are recognizing us, and the media are beginning to cover us much more—because they want to. What's missing is the one-on-one contact to reach people in their everyday lives.

That's why the Colorado Volunteers need you to close the gap. We need people willing to reach out to our neighbors and communities, to contribute intellectually or financially so that others with time may do more. We need people in every county to attend specifically local events, purchase literature, and aid us in our fund raising event coming this fall—with Harry Browne in attendance.

We need anyone with a couple hours per week or month willing to rally at street corners, write Op-Ed pieces, and canvass door-to-door. We need people who can hold Browne for President signs at major intersections or newsworthy events, place bumper stickers on your cars, get our video aired on local cable access, and drop off literature the next time you go to

the Laundromat; web activists to post in news groups, forums and net chats, call into local talk radio or get Harry booked on that station. Join an action group or make things happen individually.



John Geltemeyer of Colorado Springs and Johanna Fallis of Arvada join Harry and Pamela Browne after Harry captured the nomination for President.

Running a full slate of candidates and making our party grow are our highest priorities this year. The Presidential race offers us a great opportunity to build our strength, because many people only get interested in politics during a Presidential election. If Coloradans hear about Harry Browne, they'll be more likely to vote for our local candidates as well. Please join us. Let's make 2000 the year both Mexico AND the United States dismantle their political monopolies.

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Talking the Talk

By John K. Berntson
Public Information Director

A Libertarian Party convention is never just for fun. Lots of training goes on. And talking. Always talking.

Speaking of talking, the subject of communicating liberty comes up quite often at these affairs. How do we get our points across to the general public? This can be quite difficult. For one thing, many libertarians just like to argue. They would rather be right and rude than actually try to persuade someone. Second, the general public has been taught, all their lives, a lexicon that does not include liberty. Oh, they know the words liberty and freedom, but they do not mean the same things as when we use them.

But if we are going to win, we must persuade. We cannot jam our philosophy down their throats and expect them to stand still for it. Here are a few ideas that were discussed at the convention.

*"We have to
convince people.*

*We have to sell
them on liberty."*

Sharon Harris, president of the Advocates for Self-Government, proposed a couple of words that can help. We have been expounding for a couple of years now to use the term "Drug Prohibition," rather than "The War on Drugs," though both terms have their uses. What about the phrase "drug legalization"? Sharon suggested replacing it with "re-legalization." This gets the point across, without your having to say it, that at one time drugs were legal. Hopefully, this will allow you to get in the point that the world was a much safer place at that time.

So too, the phrase "re-privatize retirement" can help remind people that government did not always run the retirement system. Talking about Social Security is always tricky, but it is always important to tell people that we are after a BETTER retirement system, one that the government cannot screw with. I always try to tell people about Harry Browne's plan to sell off federal assets and buy every current Social Security recipient an annuity, one that will be beyond the control of Congress.

Michael Cloud suggested that we stop asking the question, "Wouldn't you like more freedom?" and replace it with, "Wouldn't you like your neighbors to be more responsible?" His theory is that people did not give up their freedoms because they like to be controlled, but rather gave them up so that the government could take their responsibilities from them.

Yet people fervently wish that their neighbors would act more responsibly, keeping their dog off the lawn and such. We in this movement realize that freedom and responsibility are, as Michael put it, "Two sides of the same golden coin." We cannot have one without the other. So, we have to explain to our listeners that people will not act responsibly until they are given control over their own lives. There is more on this topic, but it would take a whole newsletter by itself.

When we speak about the Second Amendment, people tend to look at us as if we had just dropped in from the nether regions of Montana. It seems to work better when we talk about the right to self-defense. Another tactic is to refer to gun ownership as a civil right (and then mention the Second Amendment, equating it with the First).

Try to personalize an issue, where possible. When talking about property rights, don't say, "they should be able to do what they want with their property." Say, "you should be able to do what you want with your property."

Remember, we have to convince people. We have to sell them on liberty. This will not be done with stiff necks and uncompromising attitudes. Libertarians are notorious for not taking "yes" for an answer.

Instead of hunting around for that one topic where a person does not agree with us, applaud mightily for those areas where he does agree. Ideological purity can come later, once the person is sold on – and convinced of – the purpose of liberty.

So get out there and talk the talk!

Johnson, Olsen Earn Accolades for Service

The state Libertarian board agreed unanimously July 10 to recognize Joe Johnson for his work to find Libertarian candidates for the 2000 elections.

The board presented Johnson with *The Great Libertarian Offer*, signed for him by Harry Browne.



State Chair BetteRose Smith said, "Without Joe Johnson we wouldn't have nearly the candidates now on the ballot. It was through his hard work and enthusiasm that we got as many candidates as we did."

Norm Olsen, Campaigns Director, also put in tireless effort, Smith said, keeping up with paperwork and legal issues and handling phone calls.

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Brian Rachocki, Ari Armstrong, John and Carol Geltemeyer, and other activists from around the state helped Johnson make phone calls to fill vacancies. Elizabeth Bennett and BetteRose Smith helped deliver paperwork.

The number of Libertarian candidates in 2000 more than doubled previous records in Colorado.

Johnson joined the Libertarian Party last year after Republicans acted to further restrict gun ownership.

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LIBERTY CALENDAR

August • September 2000

SUNDAY

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SATURDAY

	August	1 Fort Collins Breakfast, 7 am at Joe's Fireside Cafe, 238 S College Ave. Call Lee Smith: 970.635.0395	2 Colorado Springs Friends of Liberty, 7 pm. 719.596.6799 Broomfield 7pm. Call Wright Morgan: 303.465.9676	3 Jefferson County 6 pm. social, 7 pm. business. 12895 W. 16th. Dr. in Golden. Call Tom Goonan: 303.202.9069	4	5 Denver Breakfast LePeep's, 8 am. 303.831.4334 Tanner Gun Show Call Joe Johnson: 303.604.9153
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- **September 9** Informed Gun Owners Conference, Grand Junction. Call 970.464.5177. ALSO, the **Foundation for Economic Education** will hold a seminar at the Denver Marriott West. Contact www.fee.org/seminars/CO.html or 914.591.7230.
- **September 23-24** Tanner Gun Show, Merchandise Mart, Denver. Call Joe Johnson: 303.604.9153

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